



Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2009

Summary

Epidemiology Work Group Members in Attendance (10):

Michelle Anderson (Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)—via conference call
Richard Porter (Arizona Department of Health Services)
Phillip Stevenson (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)
Amy Stuart (Administrative Office of the Courts)
Wendy Wolfersteig (Arizona State University)
David Choate, proxy for Charles Katz (Arizona State University)
Steve Gendler (Arizona Department of Public Safety)
Jody Sekerak (Indian Health Services)—via conference call
Michael Dolny (Arizona Department of Corrections)
Jeanne Blackburn, proxy for Dennis Embry (PAXIS Institute)

Epidemiology Work Group Members Absent (7)

James Cunningham (University of Arizona)
Katherine Guffey (Arizona Department of Economic Security)
Meena Shahi (Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board, First Things First)
Zeenat Mahal (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona)
Catherine Osborn (Arizona Department of Education)
Gowri Shetty (Arizona Department of Health Services)
Wesley Kortuem (Arizona Department of Health Services)

Governor's Office Staff (1)

Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF, DSAP)

Public (2):

Gail Spore (Arizona Department of Public Safety)
David Redpath (Administrative Office of the Courts)



Call to Order was made by Phillip Stevenson at 1:05 p.m. after noting that a quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions

- Phillip Stevenson asked the attendees and guests present to introduce themselves and their respective agency/group.

Announcements

- Wendy Wolfersteig announced the upcoming Arizona Evaluation Network (AZENet) – Phoenix cluster meeting to be held on February 26, 2009. The meeting will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Auditor General, 4th floor Conference Room 2910 North 44th Street, Ste. 410, Phoenix, AZ 85018.
- Wendy Wolfersteig also announced the 7th Annual Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) Conference to be held Friday, March 20, 2009. The conference will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Arizona Club at Chase Tower, Downtown Phoenix Campus, Phoenix, AZ.
 - Jeanne Blackburn will send the flyers on these two conferences to the group members.
- Jeanne Blackburn announced the upcoming 4th Annual Substance Abuse Conference hosted by the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families. The conference will be entitled "Addressing Substance Abuse in Critical Populations: A Call to Action." The conference will be held on April 29 – 30, 2009 at the Pointe Hilton, Squaw Peak Resort located at 7677 North 16th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020. A Save-the-Date card will be sent out via e-mail in the coming weeks.

Transition Updates, including ASAP & Its Subcommittees/2008 Snapshot of Arizona: Epi Deliverable

- Jeanne Blackburn informed the group members there are no updates on ASAP or any of its subcommittees at this time.

Rx Drug Spotlight Report: EI Deliverable

- David Choate presented the report to the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group for their consideration and feedback.
 - Suggestions by the group were heard, including:
 - The inclusion of a version/reference number on each Spotlight report to distinguish the sequence of Spotlight Reports;
 - Substantive changes to certain paragraphs delineating ways to address the problem of prescription drug abuse.
 - David Choate will make changes to the document and give it to Jeanne Blackburn in order for her to vet it through the Governor's Office.



Arizona Health Survey: An Overview

- Wendy Wolfersteig presented information to the group on the Arizona Health Survey conducted by Saint Luke's Health Initiative (SLHI).
 - The Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) is currently working on cleaning the data and conducting descriptive analyses, some of which Wendy presented at the meeting.
 - These data can be used to inform the statewide *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile*.
 - Wendy Wolfersteig will keep the group members informed of any updates as they relate to this dataset.

2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile: Data Needs and Suggested Format

- Jeanne Blackburn presented the *Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drug Abuse Trends in Washington State* report to the group members for consideration as an example format for the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile*.
- Jeanne informed the group that the possibility exists to hire a contractor to write the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* and asked if any member would have any problem with submitting the data to a vendor for the report.
 - No group members had an issue with submitting data to a vendor for the report.
 - Jeanne will research state-contracted vendors and report back to the group.
- Jeanne informed the group that Phillip Stevenson and Richard Porter are currently conducting the analyses necessary to map the Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) data by Community Health Analysis Area (CHAA) for the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile*.

Call to Public

- There were members of the public present. However, there were no comments from the guests in attendance.

Adjourn at 2:39 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Richard Porter. The motion was seconded by David Choate with a reminder that the next meeting will be held on March 18, 2009 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Room 250 at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission building at 1110 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF, DSAP).